

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Allen Carl, et al. EXAMINER: David C. Comstock  
U.S.S.N.: 10/601,014 GROUP: 3733  
FILED: June 20, 2003 Conf. No. 7152  
FOR: SYSTEMS, METHODS, DEVICES AND DEVICE KITS FOR FIXATION OF  
BONES AND SPINAL VERTEBRAE (AS-AMENDED)

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**EXAMINING GROUP 3733**  
**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2010, in the above referenced application.

A petition has also been filed herewith requesting a three (3) month extension of time to February 17, 2011, to respond to the above referenced Office Action. Applicants also conditionally petition for such an extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition was inadvertently overlooked. As indicated below, please charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for the required fee.

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.